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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TREASURY DAS SUCHMAN TO VISIT POLAND

REFERENCE: (A) WARSAW 5495; (B) STATE 301517

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUCHMAN VERY MUCH APPRECIATES INVITATION OF VICE MINISTER PRUCHNIEWICZ TO VISIT WARSAW IN NEAR FUTURE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON POLISH GOLF CAR ANTI-DUMPING CASE. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY PRUCHNIEWICZ IN HIS MESSAGE. HOWEVER, SINCE TREASURY IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY CERTAIN PRICE AND OTHER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY POLISH EMBASSY CONCERNING SALES MADE BY CANADIAN UTILITY VEHICLE PRODUCER, SUCHMAN BELIEVES IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO WAIT UNTIL THIS EFFORT IS COMPLETED BEFORE CONSIDERING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURTHER THE PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WARSAW. TREASURY'S VERIFICATION EFFORTS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO INDICATE THAT DUE TO TRANSITION-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN PARTI-

CULAR, IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHEN SUCHMAN HIMSELF MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL.

3. FYI: CUSTOMS INVESTIGATORS ARE PRESENTLY TRYING TO RESOLVE CONFLICTING INFORMATION ON CANADIAN SALES OF UTILITY VEHICLES OBTAINED ON THE ONE HAND FROM THE CANADIANS AND ON THE OTHER FROM THE POLISH EMBASSY. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, WE DO NOT SEE WHAT USEFUL PURPOSE MIGHT BE SERVED BY CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY PRUCHNIEWICZ AT THIS TIME. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE IN THIS RESPECT. EMBASSY ALSO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CUSTOMS IS ABOUT TO APPRAISE ENTRIES OF POLISH GOLF CARS FOR PERIOD UP TO JANUARY 1976, BASED ON COMPARISON WITH MARATHON GOLF CAR SALES. IT APPEARS THAT ADDITIONAL DUTIES WILL APPROXIMATE \$150 PER CAR. POLISH EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED. END FYI.

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